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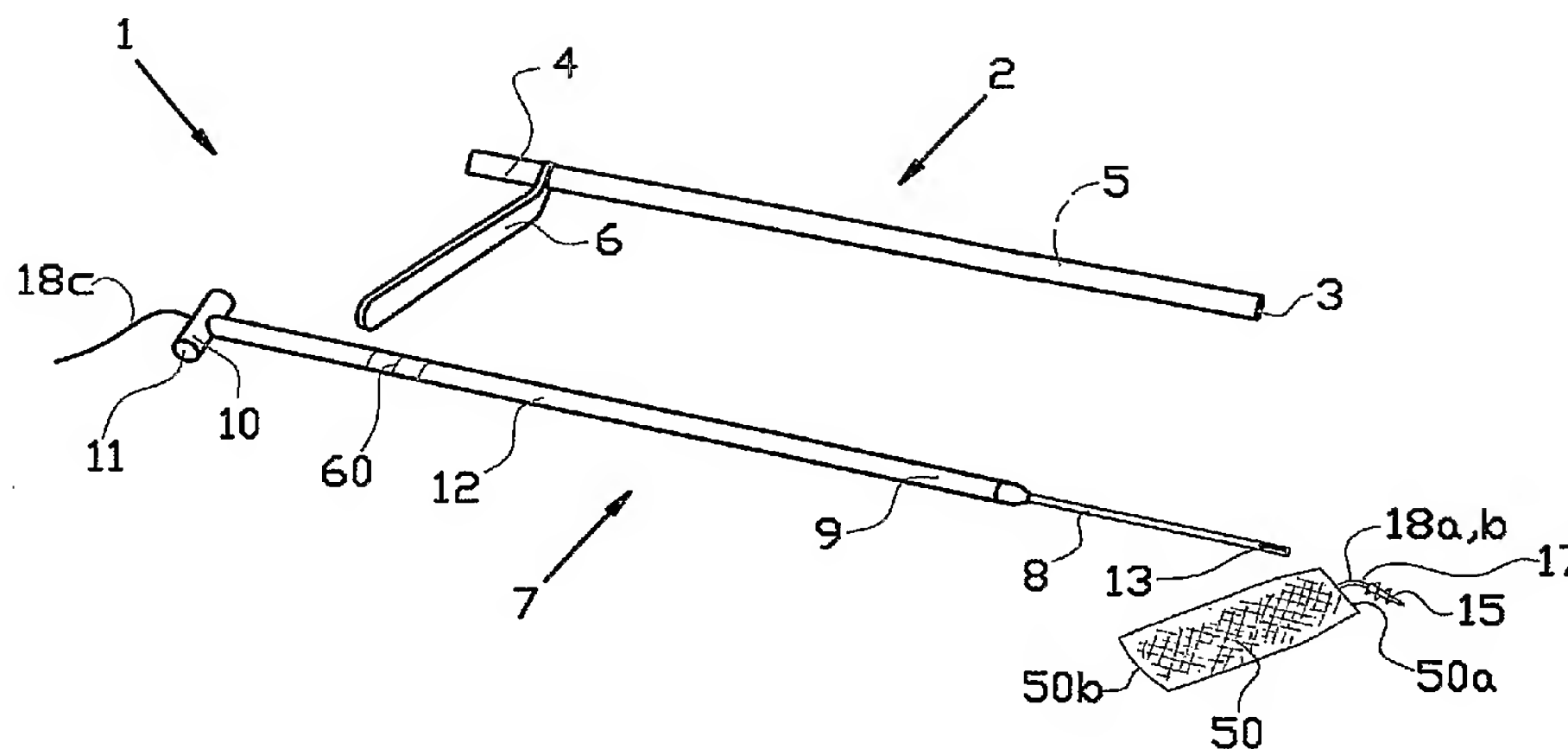
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(57) **Abstract:** Assembly for use in the attachment of a patient's vaginal apex or uterus or rectum to her/his spine, comprising a first tube having a length adapted to the distance from the outer wall of the patient's abdomen to the sacrum, which first tube is provided with a distal end to be brought into engagement with the sacrum and comprising an opposite proximal end and having a first passage from the distal to the proximal end thereof, a second tube or rod having a length that at least equals the length of the first tube, which second tube or rod is provided with a distal end and comprises an opposite proximal end, at least one attachment means provided with a distal end for attachment to the sacrum and a proximal end for attachment of an end of connection means for connection to the patient's vaginal apex or uterus or rectum, such as one or more threads, wherein the distal end of the second tube or rod and the proximal end of the attachment means are formed for functional mutual engagement, wherein the second tube or rod can be movably accommodated in the first tube - preferably snugly.